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	Examiner D. L. Jones	Art Unit 1618

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2007.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 51,53-55,57,59,61-70,82,84-86,88,90 and 107-109 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 51,53-55,57,59,61-70,82,84-86,88,90, and 107-109 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

1. The Examiner acknowledges receipt of the amendment filed 12/20/07 wherein claims 1-50, 52, 56, 58, 60, 71-81, 83, 87, 89, and 91-106 are canceled.

Note: Claims 51, 53-55, 57, 59, 61-70, 82, 84-86, 88, 90, and 107-109 are pending.

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT'S AMENDMENT/ARGUMENTS

2. The Applicant's arguments and/or amendment filed 12/20/07 to the rejection of the claims made by the Examiner under 35 USC 103, 112, and/or double patenting have been fully considered and deemed persuasive-in-part for the reasons set forth below.

Double Patenting Rejections

I. The rejection of claims 51, 53-59, 61-70, 82, 84-86, 88, 90, and 107-109 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 7,226,577 is MAINTAINED for reasons of record in the office action mailed 10/9/07.

II. The provisional rejection of claims 51, 53-59, 61-70, 82, 84-86, 88, 90, and 107-109 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-87 of copending Application No. 10/542,202 is MAINTAINED for reasons of record in the office action mailed 10/9/07.

III. The provisional rejection of claims 51, 53-59, 61-70, 82, 84-86, 88, and 90 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being

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unpatentable over claims 1-21 of copending Application No. 11/165,721 is
MAINTAINED for reasons of record in the office action mailed 10/9/07.

IV. The provisional rejection of claims 51, 53-59, 61-70, 82, 84-86, 88, and
90 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being
unpatentable over claims 1-57 of copending Application No. 11/352,156 is
MAINTAINED for reasons of record in the office action mailed 10/9/07.

V. The provisional rejection of claims 51, 53-59, 61-70, 82, 84-86, 88, and
90 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being
unpatentable over claims 69-91 of copending Application No. 11/467,237 is
MAINTAINED for reasons of record in the office action mailed 10/9/07.

VI. The provisional rejection of claims 51, 53-59, 61-70, 82, 84-86, 88, and
90 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being
unpatentable over claims 69-91 of copending Application No. 11/467,301 is
MAINTAINED for reasons of record in the office action mailed 10/9/07.

VII. The provisional rejection of claims 51, 53-59, 61-70, 82, 84-86, 88, and 90
on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable
over claims 10-17, 20-23, 26, 29, 30, 35, 36, 39-42, 50, 60, 61, 64-67, 74, 80, 81, and
84-87 of copending Application No. 10/566,112 is MAINTAINED for reasons of record in
the office action mailed 10/9/07.

Note: It is duly noted that Applicant has requested that the double patenting and
provisional double patenting rejections be held in abeyance until allowable subject
matter is indicated.

112 Second Paragraph Rejections

Applicant's arguments regarding the 112 second paragraph rejections have been considered and found persuasive-in-part.

All the 112 second paragraph rejections are WITHDRAWN except the following.

The rejections of claims 51 and 82 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention are MAINTAINED for reasons of record in the office action mailed 10/9/07 and those set forth below.

Rejections over claims 51 and 82 were made over the claims because of the phrase 'other linking group' which is vague and indefinite because it is unclear what other linking group(s) Applicant is referring to which are compatible with the instant invention.

Applicant asserted that the rejections should be withdrawn because one would understand what other linking groups Applicant is referring to based on pages 167-171 of the specification. In addition, Applicant asserts that since the phrase appeared in the allowed parent, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant's arguments are not persuasive because (1) Applicant's is reminded that applications are considered on a case-by-case basis. Thus, the Examiner is not bound by the prosecution of another application. (2) Review of the specification does not set forth a clear definition of 'other linking groups'. Thus, while additional linking groups are disclosed in the specification, the claims are not limited to those of the

specification. As a result, one cannot ascertain what 'other linking groups' Applicant is referring to which are compatible with the instant invention.

103 Rejection

The 103 rejection is WITHDRAWN for reasons of record. In particular, Applicant's arguments of unexpected results and the comparison of the prior art as set forth in the response filed 12/20/07 was found persuasive.

COMMENTS/NOTES

3. Applicant is respectfully requested to replace 'subject' with 'patient' in claims 65 and 67 to be consistent with the other pending claims and the specification.

4. In addition, Applicant is respectfully requested to replace 'N is 0' and 'P is 0' in the independent claims with 'N is absent' and 'P is absent' in the claims (e.g., independent claims 51 and 82).

5. The search was expanded over the full scope of the instant invention. In particular, the claims are distinguished over the prior art of record because the prior art neither anticipates nor renders obvious the inventions as set forth in independent claims 51, 82, and 107.

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a). A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the

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event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. L. Jones whose telephone number is (571) 272-0617. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 6:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Hartley can be reached on (571) 272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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